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Amendment in Reply to the Notice of Abandonment of March 26, 2008
and the Final Office Action of June 15, 2007

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and
substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

NEW ABSTRACT

A cutting element used in an electric shaver is manufactured from maraging or precipitation-hardenable stainless steel with a surface hardened by plasma nitriding. The cutting element is plasma nitriding hardened on all surfaces of the blade, and a plasma nitriding hardened layer includes a surface top layer of steel supersaturated with nitrogen and a diffusion layer adjoining the top layer with a hardness ranging from the hardness of the top layer to the hardness of the steel before hardening by means of plasma nitriding.